

Grade 12 College Prep English Summer Assignment

1. Current Essays. You must write summaries of **three (3)** essays from <http://www.aldaily.com>. You should choose essays that are of interest to you or connect to your Senior Project. Note: This site includes book reviews as well as essays. You should only choose essays.

1. Each summary should be a minimum of 1 page (double-spaced).
2. Begin with a paragraph that states the thesis of the essay.
3. Then, summarize IN YOUR OWN WORDS the major ideas or proofs that the author uses to prove his/her thesis.
4. Finally, in your concluding paragraph, you should evaluate the essay. Do you agree or disagree with the thesis? How well-written and convincing was the essay?

The three essay summaries must be handed in on the first day of class. No late work will be accepted. This assignment will be worth 10% of your first quarter grade.

2. You must complete a Senior Project Proposal. The Senior Project is completely explained on my website. Go to the ASFG website then high school then departments and finally click on Benjamin Clark under English. You might have to look around a little, but all of the information is there if you click on CP English.

Your proposal must include the following:

1. An introduction of yourself. What are your interests, talents, strengths? What are your future academic goals? (Where will you be applying to college? What program do you wish to study?)
2. What do you think you might like to work on for your Senior Project? Why? How does your Senior Project relate to your talents and interests and future goals?
3. What do you see as being the final PRODUCT for your Senior Project? What would you hope to accomplish as you create your final product?
4. What ideas do you have now about your ESSAY for the Senior Project?

Remember that the essay must be based on research that is connected to your product, and that your essay must prove a thesis.

Note: This proposal is only a preliminary proposal. You may change your Senior Project before the final proposal is submitted in the first quarter.

The Senior Project preliminary proposal will be worth 10% of your first quarter grade.

Have a great summer. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Clark at

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